

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 13-21 are amended. No new matter is added by this Amendment. Support for the language added to claim 1 is found at, for example, page 21, lines 11-13 of the specification. Claims 13-21 are amended merely for consistency with the claims from which they depend.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants request the Examiner to acknowledge consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 23, 2006.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2-21 contain allowable subject matter.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,527,417 (Basey) in view of JP 11-329015 (Kimura). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a light source including a transparent member that covers the opening of the cover, the transparent member sealing an inside of the light source defined by the reflector, the cover and the transparent member. According to claim 1, the inside of the light source is sealed by the transparent member, which provides a sealed anti-explosion structure without requiring an additional number of components.

This feature, as well as the benefits associated therewith, are not disclosed by Basey or Kimura. Basey merely discloses air-communicating vanes on the lamp cover (collar) thereof, which has no "heat-radiation fins" formed outside the cover member.

Kimura also fails to disclose the sealed structure of claim 1.

More specifically, Basey, alone or in combination with Kimura, fails to disclose a transparent member sealing an inside of the light source defined by the reflector, the cover and the transparent member, as recited in claim 1.

For the foregoing reasons, Basey, alone or in combination with Kimura, fails to render obvious the subject matter of claim 1.

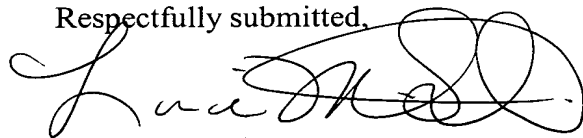
Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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